

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

EDWARD D. KOCH,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	8:19CV426
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF	)	ORDER
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES,	)	
SCOTT R. FRANCIS, Director, and	)	
TAGGERT BOYD, Warden Lincoln	)	
Correctional Center,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	
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Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Filing No. 1) and a Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (Filing No. 4). Habeas corpus cases attacking the legality of a person's confinement require the payment of a \$5.00 filing fee. [28 U.S.C. § 1914\(a\)](#). However, after considering Petitioner's financial status as shown in the records of this court (*see* inmate trust account statement at Filing No. 7), leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted and Petitioner is relieved from paying the filing fee. *See* [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(a\)\(1\)](#).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that: Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (Filing No. 4) is granted. The next step in this case is for the court to conduct a preliminary review of the habeas corpus petition in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 cases. The court will conduct this review in its normal course of business.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

*s/ Richard G. Kopf*  
Senior United States District Judge